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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - IRAN

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Most Tuesday morning papers gave top play to the first trial in Japan involving lay judges that started on Monday.

¶2. "Difficult Voyage for New Iranian Administration" The liberal Asahi wrote from Tehran (8/4): "Reelected President Ahmadinejad kicked off his second term following a ceremony on Monday to endorse his presidency. Despite the rumored discord between Supreme Leader Khamenei and Ahmadinejad, the two demonstrated their unity and the president called for reconciliation among the Iranian people. However, he failed to display the 'unity' of the leaders, as some influential Iranians were absent from the ceremony."

¶3. "Iranian President Starts Isolated Second Term" The moderate Yomiuri stated in a correspondent's report from Tehran (8/4): "Conservative hardliner President Ahmadinejad was approved by Supreme Leader Khamenei on Monday to serve his second term. Criticism of Ahmadinejad over his selection of a vice president is growing within the conservative group led by Khamenei. Protests by the reformist group, which claims that the recent presidential election was 'invalid,' also continue sporadically. Ahmadinejad, whose isolation is deepening, will likely have a difficult second term."

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